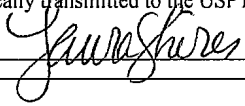


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 4, 2006, for which a response is due May 4, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 4, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.